



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5471**

February Session, 2006

\* \_\_\_\_\_ HB05471APP \_\_\_\_\_ 040306 \_\_\_\_\_ \*

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE  
SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2       Mental Retardation, in consultation with the Commissioners of Social  
3       Services and Mental Health and Addiction Services and any other  
4       commissioner the Commissioner of Mental Retardation deems  
5       appropriate, shall establish a pilot autism spectrum disorders program,  
6       to provide a coordinated system of supports and services, including  
7       case management, for persons with autism spectrum disorders who do  
8       not have mental retardation, as defined in section 1-1g of the general  
9       statutes, and their families. The pilot program shall serve up to fifty  
10      adults with autism spectrum disorders who are not eligible for services  
11      from the Department of Mental Retardation under chapter 319b of the  
12      general statutes.

13      (b) The Commissioner of Mental Retardation shall establish  
14      eligibility requirements for participation in the program.

15      (c) The Commissioner of Mental Retardation, or the commissioner's  
16      designee, shall identify appropriate individualized services and  
17      supports for each person in the program and the family of each person  
18      in the program and shall coordinate the provision of such services and  
19      supports to such person and family.

20 (d) The pilot program shall commence on or before October 1, 2006,  
21 and shall terminate not later than October 1, 2008.

22 (e) The Commissioner of Mental Retardation shall report, in  
23 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
24 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
25 matters relating to public health not later than January 1, 2009,  
26 concerning the results of such pilot program. The report shall include,  
27 recommendations concerning a system for addressing the needs of  
28 persons with autism spectrum disorder, including, but not limited to,  
29 recommendations (1) establishing an independent council to advise the  
30 Department of Mental Retardation with respect to system design,  
31 implementation and quality enhancement, (2) establishing procedural  
32 safeguards, (3) designing and implementing a quality enhancement  
33 and improvement process, and (4) designing and implementing an  
34 interagency data and information management system.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2006	New section
-----------	--------------	-------------

**PH** Joint Favorable Subst. C/R APP

**APP** Joint Favorable Subst.